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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6376 NOTE PREPARED: Nov 21, 2003

BILL NUMBER: SB 84 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Fetal Development Curriculum.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Drozda

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> The bill requires each school corporation to include instruction regarding human fetal development in the school corporation's high school health education curriculum.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under the bill, the Department of Education (DOE) in consultation with the State Department of Health would be required to develop human fetal development program educational materials for school corporations. The provision could require the DOE to mass distribute the education materials. Depending on the medium type of the materials (e.g., literature, video, or books), the DOE would need to reallocate staff time and perhaps require an additional consultant to oversee development of the materials. Additionally, with the cost to development and depending on the scope of the materials to be provided, the DOE may not be able to absorb the expenditure required to fulfill the bill within current resources.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. As of November 5, 2003, the DOE had 261full-time staff members. The DOE has approximately 278 budgeted full-time positions. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Indiana State Board of Education: The Indiana State Board of Education would be required to adopt rules

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to implement the provisions of the bill. The Board could adopt rules within the course of a normally scheduled business meeting. The Board is scheduled to convene 12 times in FY 2004. Typically, the Board will meet for two consecutive days each month of the year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Under the bill, each school corporation high school would be required to include human fetal development into their respective health education curriculum. As the DOE would provide the instructional materials under the bill, the impact to local expenditures should be minimal, given that high schools could incorporate the new components of the curriculum without employing additional staff or increasing class time.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Department of Education; Indiana State Board of Education.

Local Agencies Affected: School corporations.

<u>Information Sources:</u> Terry Spradlin, Department of Education; Indiana State Board of Education Website: www.doe.state.in.us/stateboard/; State of Indiana *HRM Detail Staffing Report 11/05/2003*; Indiana State Budget Agency BUDSTARS.

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